# Intermediate Chinese Reading Test



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# Question: The girls think the meal was great:

- A. By its own merit.
- B. When sharing it with their families.
- C. With condiments to go with it.
- D. For boosting academic effort.

**Next Question** 



# [ (Answers)

#### A. Correct.

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# [[[] (Answers)

B. Wrong.



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#### C. Wrong.



# [[[] (Answers)

#### D. Wrong.

in order that they apply themselves more diligently to studies. However, this sentence is preceded by it is said with self irony. Evidently, using food to help with their studies is not their intent.







**Question:** What was the scientist's new discovery about the Peking man?

- A. The Peking Man used a cranium to fetch water.
- B. The Peking Man invented a net for communicating.
- C. The Peking Man had as many as three skulls in his cave.
- D. The Peking Man wore animal hide.

**Next Question** 



# [[[] (Answers)

A. Correct.

Jia Lanpo . . . disclosed several new important discoveries: Peking Man used a human cranium as a tool for fetching water, and Peking Man wore sewn clothes / body coverings.



# [][] (Answers)

B. Wrong.

Man website.



# [ [ [ (Answers)

#### C. Wrong.

discovered three (more) craniums of the Peking Man around Zhou Kou Dian. However, not the Peking Man those skulls, nor were the skulls necessarily in one cave.





D. Wrong.

Animal hide is not mentioned in the passage. See A.







## Question: What is said about the one ingredient of grapes?

- A. It fights cancer much better than thrombosis.
- B. It exists only in the skin of grapes.
- C. It makes grapes most delicious.
- D. It fights more than one disease.

**Next Question** 



### [[ (Answers)

A. Wrong.

The alcoholate of white false hellebore that effectively prevents the formation of thrombosis is also quite capable of fighting cancer.

☐☐ in modern usage has lost the meaning of comparativeness altogether. Also, ☐ helps to point out that what it pertains to takes a second seat.



### (Answers)

#### B. Wrong.

The alcoholate of white false hellebore has the highest concentration in the skin of grapes.

But this does not mean that it can not be found elsewhere.



# [ (Answers)

#### C. Wrong.

There's no mention of deliciousness anywhere in the text.



# [] (Answers)

D. Correct.

See A.







### **Question: How did IBM aim at Chinese computer** market?

- A. By manufacturing lower grade computers.
- B. By changing their sales strategy.
- C. By allowing free downloading.
- D. By slashing prices.

**Next Question** 



# [ [ [ [ [ [ Answers ]

#### A. Wrong.

: Aside from keeping their quality as they have always been when promoting the Chinese market, IBM also paid special attention to customers' concern over the prices.



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B. Correct.

IBM [[[[[]]][[[]][[]][[]][[]] . . . : IBM changed their usual strategy of "bundled" sales of software . . .



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#### C. Wrong.

They need from IBM website.

There is no mention about downloading for free in the passage.

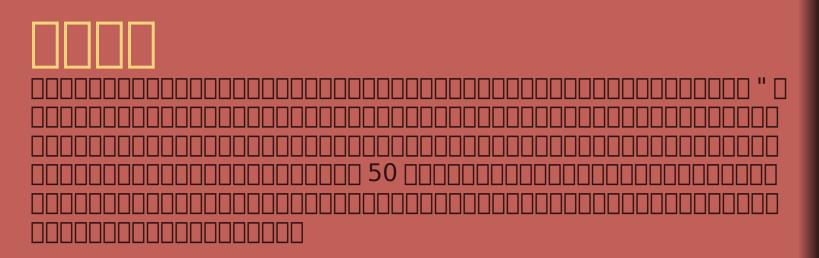




#### D. Wrong.

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#### Question: Why did the girl join the

- A. Because she could get credit for taking a graduate course.
- B. Because there was only one 50th anniversary.
- C. Because she had all the opportunity to learn English there.
- D. Because she wanted to enjoy a break from academia.

**Next Question** 



## [[[] (Answers)

A. Wrong.

There would be a military parade (on the National Day), I decided right away to participate and gave up the opportunity of pursuing post graduate study.



# [ (Answers)

#### B. Correct.

that there will still be opportunities in the future for me to pursue post graduate studies, but there is only one glorious 50th anniversary of the birth of my country.



## [ [ [ (Answers)

#### C. Wrong.

Taking a second post graduate entrance examination) is just the reason why I have been keeping up the practice of my English writing.

Note that [] in Chinese means persevere, keep doing something under duress, in disadvantageous circumstances etc.



# [ (Answers)

#### D. Wrong.

There is no mention of taking any break at all in the passage, instead we have \[ \] \[ \] \[ \] \[ \] \[ \] \] is an even rarer opportunity to pay back my motherland by taking part in the women militia square formation on the National Day military parade.







### Question: What was the couple quarreling about?

- A. The man trying to keep his wife from going.
- B. The woman unconvinced about her own ability.
- C. Who to leave their baby daughter with.
- D. Who of the two to go first.

**Next Question** 



# [] (Answers)

A. Wrong.

See D.



# [] (Answers)

B. Wrong.

See D.



# [ (Answers)

C. Wrong.

See D.



### [ (Answers)

D. Correct.

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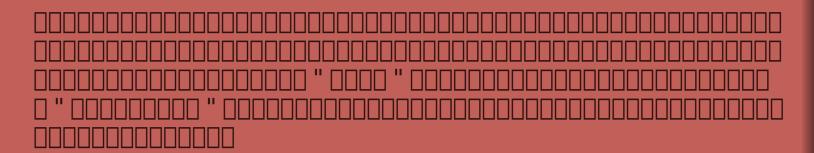
 $\square$  (  $\square$  ) : a pair of compasses;

☐ (☐☐, ☐☐☐): carpenter's square, T-square.

The entire passage is about fighting piracy and protecting copyright on the Internet, so we need some tools or laws to keep the industry operating successfully.

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#### Question: How does the old saying apply to the

- A. It encourages creation and inventiveness.
- B. It warns against same or similar contents.
- C. It frowns on traditional media taking part.
- D. It calls for legislature to regulate the new industry.

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# [ (Answers)

#### C. Wrong.

"" : add some condiments to refresh the monotony of the life in the dormitory. Condiments here is used metaphorically.

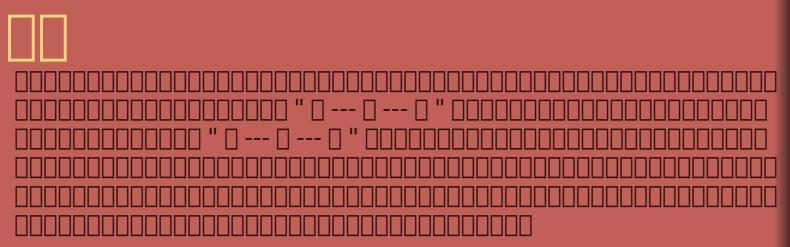


### (Answers)

#### D. Wrong.

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### Q: Which of the following is not used to explain the

- A. Crescent dune.
- B. Water vapor.

- C. Windy day.
- D. External force.

**Next Question** 



#### A. Wrong.

This point has actually been used to explain the singing sands.

And that is because of the resonance being generated between the sand slope and a wall of vapor formed by the underground water seeping out of the crescent-shaped sand bend on a sunny day.



B. Wrong.

This point has actually been used to explain the singing sands. See A.



## (Answers)

#### C. Correct.

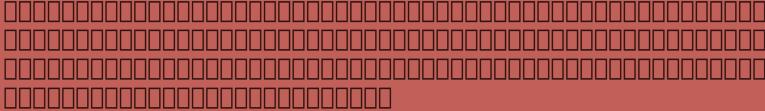
Indicated the bend of singing sands which is on the leeside facing the sun.



#### D. Wrong.







### Q: How does the German scientist view Celera's announcement?

- A. That it has provided all the parameters for gene sequencing.
- B. That the published results meet the conditions for patenting.
- C. That it will preempt the claim as discoverer of hereditary code.
- D. That any private company's attempt to monopolize a public project for profit must be foiled.

**Next Question** 

A. Wrong.

The American genetic information company Celera recently declared that it has deciphered a human subject's genetic code in its entirety. German biologists expressed doubt on this . . . .

The German professor Rosentahl pointed out that the parameters for each gene sequencing provided by Celera are incomplete.



### B. Wrong.



#### C. Correct.

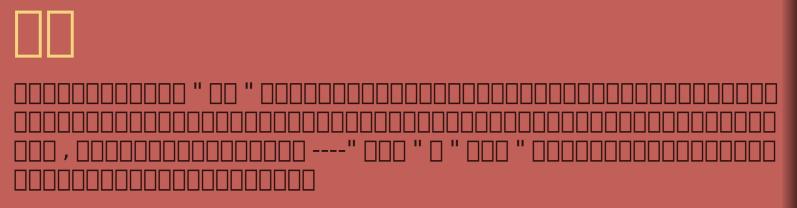
Out for profit shall not be able to take advantage of the result of a research concerning public good by patenting it.



### D. Wrong.

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# Question: What is the one outstanding feature of the product?

- A. It curbs the growth of microbes.
- B. It is harmless to crops.
- C. It improves the quality of the soil.
- D. It is recognized internationally.

**End Test** 



## (Answers)

### A. Wrong.

efficiency microbe(s) through a process of fermentation. So the process is not one that curbs the growth but helps the growth of those microbes



B. Wrong.

There's not a word about harm. it is \[ \process{\pi} \process{\pi} \] microbic fertilizer, not an insecticide: \[ \process{\pi} \] (nóng yào).



C. Correct.

□□□□□□ . . . □□□ : has moreover the ability to improve the soil.



## (Answers)

#### D. Wrong.



